

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 297

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## A RESOLUTION to recognize Ross “Tyler” Summitt, son of Pat Summitt.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable young people who exhibit maturity, dignity, and a wisdom beyond their years and, by the very nature of being born to high profile parents, often find themselves and the relationship they have with their parents in the spotlight; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Ross “Tyler” Summitt, son of legendary University of Tennessee Women’s Head Basketball Coach Pat Summitt; and

WHEREAS, even the famous story of his birth reads like a legendary tale; Pat Summitt went into labor with Tyler while on a recruiting trip to Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, with her water broken, she completed the recruiting process with UT point guard Michelle Marciniak; on the flight home, her labor pains grew so intense the pilot wanted to land her in Virginia, but Pat Summitt insisted they fly home to Knoxville because she wanted her son born in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, since he was just months old, Tyler Summitt has been his mother’s traveling companion; and

WHEREAS, when the Summitts are not traveling, they, along with their beloved yellow Labrador retriever, Sally-Sue, enjoy living in the family compound along the banks of the Tennessee River; despite her hectic schedule, Pat Summitt drives carpool and catches as many of Tyler’s high school basketball games as possible; and

WHEREAS, a fixture at the Lady Vols games both at home and on the road, Tyler Summitt, who can talk defense and rebounding with the best of them, is often seen passing to the Tennessee players during drills; and

WHEREAS, with the notoriety that comes with being the son of a famous coach, also come privileges: Tyler Summitt recently conducted a fun television interview with Tennessee's Cait McMahan for a television station in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Summitt's mature display of responsibility and citizenship, as well as his basketball talent and exposure to some of this country's finest basketball players and coaches, bodes well for his future success, and he is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the many accomplishments of Ross "Tyler" Summitt, celebrate his life experiences as the son of Pat Summitt, and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.